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*Colonial Secretary's Office,
January 27th, 1866.*

The Governor directs the publication for general information of the following correspondence relative to the Postal Department of this Colony.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 36, Miscellaneous.

Government House. }
Victoria, 7th June, 1865. }

SIR,

1. I have the honor to transmit the copy of a correspondence which has passed between the Government, the Acting Attorney General, and the Postmaster of this Colony, which explains itself.

2. The extraordinary and anomalous condition of the Postal Establishment of Vancouver Island, compels me to trouble you with this matter, inasmuch as at present there is no legal guarantee for the safe receipt or transmission of the public correspondence.

3. You will observe that I do not make this reference without having first adopted the only course open to me for the correction of so serious an evil.

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5. To remedy this state of things, I had the Postal Bill, of which I enclose a copy, drafted by the Acting Attorney General, and introduced into the Legislative Council, which it passed, and was sent in the usual course to the Legislative Assembly, where it was thrown out, without even the *form* of discussion, and I see no reason to anticipate that the

Assembly will take any step to place the Department on a sound or legal footing.

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6. You will observe from the letter of Mr. Wootton, the present Harbour Master, that he is conducting the Postal Department without any Rules or Regulations, and never received any but verbal instructions, and that he knows of no authority by which the different rates of postage are fixed and levied.

7. You will also learn from the concluding portion of the Acting Attorney General's letter, (of May 31, 1865), that he is "at a loss to know by what lawful authority the existing postal service" (in this Colony), "has been established."

8. It thus appears that Mr. Wootton, the present acting Postmaster, was appointed in 1861 without written Regulations, and without other than verbal instructions of the Colonial Secretary, the nature of which, in his absence, I cannot know, and for the issuing of which there does not appear to be any legal authority.

9. It further appears that the Acting Postmaster at present is under no legal control, and that the Governor has no legal warrant for reforming an ill managed Department, by issuing Rules and Regulations, by fixing rates of postage, and having the proceeds duly accounted for.

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11. I would, under ordinary circumstances, deem it my duty to apply some temporary remedy, but it would be hardly convenient to do so immediately after the Legislative Assembly having refused to enter-

tain the subject by throwing out a carefully considered Postal Bill, which had passed the other Branch of the Legislature, without reason assigned, or attempt to amend it.

12. I enclose extracts from two local newspapers of the 27th May, containing the only information I have received, or can offer, on the course adopted by the Legislative Assembly.

I have, etc..

A. E. KENNEDY,
Governor.

The Rt. Honble.

Edward Cardwell,
Etc., etc.

* Acting Colonial Secretary, 30th May, 1865.

Acting Attorney General, 31st May, 1865.

Acting Colonial Secretary, 5th June, 1865.

Postmaster, 7th June, 1865.

No. 1.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
30th May, 1865.*

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will inform His Excellency generally as to the Postal Laws of this Colony, and refer him to any authority or laws at present governing the Postal Department of Vancouver Island.

I have, etc.,

HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Honble.

The Acting Attorney General,
Etc., etc., etc.

No. 2.

*Attorney General's Office,
May 31st, 1865.*

SIR,

In answer to your communication of the 30th instant, requesting me to inform His Excellency

1. "Generally as to the Postal Laws of the Colony, and"

2. "To refer His Excellency to any authority or Law at present governing the Postal Department of Vancouver Island,"

I have the honor to state as follows :

1. Generally as to Postal Laws of this Colony, it is I think clear that until some Postal Law be passed in this Colony, the Postmaster General in England has the power to establish Posts, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury the right to

fix the rates of Postage within this Colony.

2. As to any authority or Laws at present governing the Postal Service in Vancouver Island, I can only say that although the authority seems to exist in the Postmaster General at home to regulate the service, and in the Lords of the Treasury to regulate the rates of Postage, such powers have not, to my knowledge, been ever exercised, and I am at a loss to know by what lawful authority the existing Postal Service has been established.

I have, etc.,

THOS. L. WOOD,
Acting Attorney General.

The Honble.

The Colonial Secretary,
Etc., etc.

No. 3.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
5th June, 1865.*

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor to request you will furnish His Excellency with a copy of the Rules and Regulations under which your Department is conducted, together with a copy of any instructions you have received as Postmaster of this Colony.

I am also to request you to furnish a copy of, or a reference to the authority under which you levy postage generally, and the authority by which the different rates of postage are fixed and levied.

I have, etc.,

HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Postmaster.

Etc., etc.,
Victoria.

No. 4.

*Post Office, Victoria,
7th June, 1865.*

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that there are no Rules or Regulations under which this Department is conducted, nor have I received any but verbal instructions as Postmaster.

I further beg to state, I know of no authority by which the different rates of Postage are fixed and levied.

With the exception of the enclosed extract from the Colonial Secretary's letter the only instructions I received with regard to the rates of Postage, were those charged by the

officiating Postmaster when I took charge.

I have, etc.,
HENRY WOOTTON,
Postmaster.

The Honble.
The Colonial Secretary,
Etc., etc.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
23rd October, 1861.

SIR,

It having been decided by the Governor, that the Post Office in this Colony shall be abolished as a separate establishment, and that the duties shall be conducted by the Harbour Master, in conjunction with those already assigned to him, I have to communicate the same to you, for your information and guidance.

2. The present officiating Postmaster, Mr. Buckley, who was placed in mere temporary charge of the Establishment during the absence on leave of the late Postmaster Mr. D'Ewes, has been accordingly directed to transfer to you the charge of the entire establishment, and you will make such arrangements for carrying on the current business of the Department, until it can be transferred to the Harbour Master's Office, and combined therewith, as shall seem to you expedient and proper, seeking instructions from this office in any case of doubt or difficulty.

3. As you are aware, arrangements are in progress to combine the Harbour Master's Office and the Post Office in one, and so soon as the necessary alterations and fittings have been made in the building in Wharf street, you will transfer the Post Office Department to it, taking care that the transfer be made after the departure of the next European Mail, and on such day as to cause the least amount of inconvenience to the public.

I have, etc.,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

Downing Street,
11th October, 1865.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 36, of the 7th June, representing the condition of the Postal Establishment of Vancouver Island, in consequence of the deficiency of any Postal Regulations.

I transmit to you, for your information, copies of a correspondence

to which your Despatch has given rise between this Department, the General Post Office, and the Board of Treasury.

If you desire that the Treasury should fix the rates of Postage in Vancouver Island, it may be advisable that you should at once inform me what rates you would desire to be prescribed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant,
EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor Kennedy, C. B.,
Etc., etc.

* C. O. to P. O., 17th August, 1865.

P. O. to C. O., 5th October, 1865.
C. O. to Treasury and back, with
P. O. Letter.

Sir F. Rogers to Mr. Hill.

Downing Street,
17th August, 1865.

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Postmaster General, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of Vancouver Island, with its enclosures respecting the deficiency of any Postal Regulations in that Colony, and I am to request that you will move Lord Stanley, of Alderly, to favor Mr. Cardwell with any suggestions which he may communicate to Governor Kennedy for his guidance.

I am desired, at the same time, to point out that the Postmaster of Vancouver Island holds his office during pleasure, and will therefore be obliged on pain of dismissal, to observe any regulation which the Governor may lay down.

I have, etc.,
F. ROGERS.

F. Hill, Esq.

Mr. Scudamore to Sir F. Rogers.

General Post Office,
5th October, 1865.

SIR,

The Postmaster General has had under consideration your letter of the 17th August last, transmitting copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Vancouver Island, respecting the deficiency of any Postal Regulations in that Island.

The Bill drafted by His Excellency's directions, the Postmaster General desires me to state, would, if it had become law, have placed the

Post Office Department in the Colony upon a proper footing. As it was rejected, and as the Governor states that he has no reason to expect that the Assembly will take steps for remedying the evil, His Lordship does not see that he can offer any suggestions which will be of service to the Governor in this emergency. He thinks it may be well, however, to furnish His Excellency with a copy of the Rules issued to Postmasters in the United Kingdom, and a book of such Rules is therefore sent herewith for transmission to the Governor.

I have, etc.,

FRANK IVES SCUDAMORE.

Sir Frederick Rogers,
Etc., etc.,
Colonial Office.

Sir F. Rogers to Mr. Hamilton.

*Downing Street,
11th October, 1865.*

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Vancouver Island, * representing the deficiency of any postal regulations in the Island, together with copies of a correspondence between this Department and the General Post Office, to which this Despatch gave rise.

I am to request that their Lordships will inform Mr. Cardwell whether, under the circumstances disclosed in these letters, they would feel justified, on the request of the Colonial Government, in fixing a rate of Postage on Letters posted in Vancouver Island, whatever may be their destination, under the 3rd Section of the Colonial Postage Act, 7 and 8 Victoria, cap. 49.

It appears to Mr. Cardwell that unless either their Lordships would consent to issue a warrant for this purpose, or the Legislature would consent to pass a law with the same view, on the probability of which it would be difficult to hazard a prediction, the local Government may find it difficult to conduct the duties of the Post Office legally.

I am, etc.,

FREDERIC ROGERS.

G. A. Hamilton, Esq.,
Etc., etc.

* No. 36, 7th June, 1865.

*Assessor's Office,
25th January, 1866.*

The Court of Revision for Trade

Licenses will hold its First Sitting at the Sheriff's Office, Police Buildings, on Thursday, the First day of February, proximo, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Notices of Appeal must be addressed and sent in to the Assessor on or before the said day.

CHARLES G. WYLLY,
Assessor.

MAIL STEAMER TO COMOX AND WAY PORTS.



*Lands and Works Department,
13th January, 1866.*

Until further notice, the steamer "Sir James Douglas" will leave Victoria for the settlements on the east coast, as far as Comox, on the following days, weather permitting :

Victoria to Nanaimo every week.

1st—Leaves Victoria at 8, A. M., on Tuesday.

Leaves Cowichan about 1, P. M. on Tuesday.

Leaves Maple Bay at 2, P. M., on Tuesday.

Leaves Saltspring Island, (inside) at 2:30, P. M., on Tuesday.

Arrive at Nanaimo at 6, P. M., on Tuesday, and remain over Wednesday.

2nd—Leaves Nanaimo at 8, A. M., on Thursday.

Leaves Saltspring Island about 11:30, A. M., on Thursday.

Leaves Maple Bay about 12, Noon, on Thursday.

Leaves Cowichan about 1, P. M., on Thursday.

Arrives at Victoria about 6, P. M., on Thursday.

Victoria to Comox, every other Week.

3rd—Leaves Victoria as in paragraph one.

Leaves Nanaimo at 7, A. M., no Wednesday.

Arrives at Comox about 1, P. M., on Wednesday, and remain over night.

Leaves Comox at 7, A. M., on Thursday.

Arrives at Nanaimo about 1, P. M., on Thursday, remaining over night.

Leaves Nanaimo at 8, A. M., as in paragraph two.

By Command,

B. W. PEARSE,
Acting Surveyor General.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

Notice is hereby given, that the instalment for the quarter commencing 21st January, 1866, is payable at

the Treasury, on Monday, the 21st instant.

ALEXANDER WATSON,
Treasurer.
Treasury, 5th Jan., 1866.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH SAN FRANCISCO.

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
19th December, 1865.*

Tenders addressed to "The Colonial Secretary," will be received at this Office until Friday, the 12th day of January, 1866, for the service of direct steam communication, including conveyance of Mails, between San Francisco and the undermentioned places, for a period of six months, and also for a period of twelve months:

For two direct trips in each month between San Francisco and Victoria and back.

For three direct trips do. do.

For two direct trips in each month between San Francisco and Victoria and New Westminster and back, running to Victoria and New Westminster alternately.

For three direct trips do. do.

For two direct trips in each month between San Francisco and New Westminster and back, calling at Victoria both going and returning.

For three direct trips do. do.

The maximum rates proposed to be charged for freight and passengers, the names of the vessels proposed to be employed in the service, and the proposed dates of arrival and departure from the different ports are to be stated.

The names of two responsible persons must also be given, who are willing to become surety to the extent of Five Thousand Dollars for the due performance of the service.

The service is to commence about the beginning of February, but not later than the 14th of February.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
29th January, 1866.*

The time for receiving Tenders in accordance with the foregoing notice, is extended from the 12th, until Noon of the 7th day of February proximo.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Colonial Secretary.

*In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice,
Vancouver Island.*

SUMMARY COURT.

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable the Chief Justice will hold a Summary Court on each of the following days, viz., 1866, January 8 January 22 ; February 5, and February 19th :

Plaints entered on or before the		Will come up for hearing on
1865—December	20	1866—January 8
1866—January	10	January 22
—January	24	February 5
—February	7	February 19

By order,
RICHARD WOODS,
Acting Registrar.

Registrar's Office, Supreme Court,
December 14, 1865.

SUPREME COURT OF CIVIL JUSTICE.

HILARY TERM.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Court will sit to hear Civil cases at 10 o'clock on the days hereinafter mentioned, and all cases for hearing must be entered at the Registrar's Office, at or before three o'clock on the day prior to that of the hearing.

1st Sitting, Thursday, January 16, 1866, and following days.

2nd Sitting, Thursday, January 25, 1866, and following days.

After Sitting, Thursday, February 8, 1866, and following days.

Otherwise they will not be heard.

By order,
RICHARD WOODS,
Acting Registrar.

Registrar's Office, }
January 5, 1866. }

Colonial Secretary's Office.
27th January, 1866.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication, for general information, of the following list of unclaimed letters.

By command,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Colonial Secretary.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS REMAINING
IN THE POST OFFICE FROM
20TH TO 27TH JANUARY.

Abney, J C	A
Busey, W A	B
Black, P J	Bell, J
Beety, J	Bulfinch, J T
Bryant, W C	Bohn, W
Bray, S	Brown, Miss L
Beggs, J J	Becker, K T
Blackman, A	Brown, W V
Bryden, J	Beardsell, J T
Chambers, Mrs	C
Campbell, F	Collins, Jas
Curtis, Miss J J	Cowan, G
Christensen, J	Coragau, Mrs
Cunningham, D	Coulter, Jas
Downs, R	D
Dillion, B	Duros, P
Dickerson, Dr, 2	Dodd, W
Derham, B	Dolon, J
DeVine, E	Domine, F
Edde, G	E
Edwards, W E	Evans Mrs S
Ferguson, A, 2	F
Foster, G F, 2	Franklin, S & L
Galer, G	Fairbrother, G
Greenbaum, Hy	G
Gyves, M	George, W R
Goldsmith, J	Gartrell, H
Gray, J	Guy, W
Howe, Miss S	Green, A
Harrison, F	Garrett, Revd
Howman, E D	H
Holmes, A	Harris, A M
Hocking, W P	Halpeuny, J
Hollow, M	Hutin, J
Hosford, W	Hopkins, H A
Jenkins, D	Hobbs, Mrs, 2
Jack, J	Hennessey, J
King, C	J
Keenan, J C	Jarvis, W T
	K
	Kerr, Miss C

Loewen, J	L
Louos, J S	Lovett, J
Mitchell, Mr	Larman, Mrs
McCormick, H	M
Manson, W	Murray, J R
Mayao, G	McWilliam, A
Marcus, C	Moore, W B
Munro, C E	Mackie, J
Moses, W D	McLaughlan, G
McKerlie, D	McDonnell, Mr
McGee, M	McKenzie, Mrs
McKinon, C	Morrison, N
	Murray, J
	Miller, E
	N
Norbury, S	Nunn, Capt
Nilson, J	P
Parker, W	Pearce, P
Porter, A	Pulen, A W W
Read, W S	R
Read, J M	Reid, G
	Reeves, E A
	S
Sandwith, J, 2	Smith, R T
Sirgates Office	Smith, Barr, Ship
Spring, W	[carpenter]
Smith, Jas	T
Thornhill, Mr	Trahey, J W
Thompson, W F, 2	U
Usheer, J	V
Vereyden, C	Vine, Mrs W
Visset, P	W
Westwood, W J	Wileox, J F
Watts, Mrs	Wells, M
Wing Loo	Wilson, G
Wood, E F	Z
Zelner, W, 2	

REGISTERED LETTERS.

Aynsley, F	Greaves, R H
Costello, M	Hopkins, H M
Chantrell, C W	Kiddie, G
Cameron, J	Lince, E
Carter, W	McQuarrie, J
Duma's, N	Morris, W D, 2
Donnellan, J	Montgomery, J H
Drummond, J	Pearce, Mr Jesse
Elliott, J	Richardson, R
Fiddes, G	Robertson, A
Francis, C H	Sterritt, R
Ford, G	Vicary, G T
Franklyn, J H	

HENRY WOOTTON,
Postmaster.

